



Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

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Annual Cemetery Tour Set for June 28th

It's time once again for the Society's annual **walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery**. This year's tour will be **Saturday, June 28th, at 10:00 am** at the entrance to the cemetery at 7th Ave. W. & W. Raye St.

Each year this two-hour tour entertains visitors and locals alike with informative and colorful stories of some of the people and events that have shaped Seattle and the Northwest.

Mt. Pleasant was established 1878 and contains a cross-section of the many cultures, characters and catastrophes that have made our city. Owners Bill and Loretta Edwards are always supportive of the Society's tours.

Join us on Saturday, June 28th at



Kim Turner holding photo displays at the monument for the Valencia shipwreck victims at a recent tour.

Washington Territory and King County Celebrate 150 Years Wed. May 21, 7:30 pm

This year sees the sesquicentennial of both our Washington Territory and King County. Join us at the May meeting for a timely celebration of this 150th anniversary with a presentation by one of the authors of "*More Voices, More Stories, King County's first 150 years.*" **Dr. Kay Reinartz**, society member and Heritage Consultant, wrote the chapter on the first pioneers of King County, and will present some of the stories of our county's early settlers. Dr. Kay also wrote several chapters in and was the editor of our own history of Queen Anne, "*Queen Anne: Community on the Hill.*"

Also on the program of this, our **Annual Meeting**, will be elections of new board members and an update on the Historic Resource Survey Project.

Join your neighbors at our next public meeting
Wednesday, May 21st, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. West and West Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

NOTICE! Our membership year ends each May 31st. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires.** If your label shows (2003EXP) it means your membership is ending and it is time for you to renew. Please use the coupon on page 3 and renew now. We value your support.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369.*Thanks for helping make this a great organization!*

CALENDAR OF

Wed. May. 21, 2003

Program: The 150th anniversary of King County and Washington Territory. This is the Society's Annual Meeting and elections. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. *(See story page 1)*

Sat.-Sun. May 24-25, 2003

Event: Annual King County Heritage Expo as part of Folk Life Festival. South Lake Union. Free. *(See story page 3)*

Sat. June. 28, 2003

Walking Tour: The annual tour of historic Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 10:00 am. Meet at the entrance at 7th Ave. W and W Raye. Free. *(See story page 1)*

Wed. Sept. 17, 2003

Program (tentative): The story of Will E. Hudson, pioneer NW Pathe newsreel cameraman. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Nov. 19, 2003

Program (tentative): Architectural styles on Queen Anne Hill. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Historic Resource Survey Needs Research Help

The remarkable survey of Queen Anne's homes that has been underway since January has completed its first phase and is now into the research phase.

Essentially every street on Queen Anne has been walked and notes taken on each house and apartment building. Of those selected for photographing, a subset of 250 dwellings will be chosen for further examination.

This research phase has already started, with trips underway to the Washington State Archives at Bellevue Community College, the Dept. of Design, Construction and Land Use in Seattle and the University of Washington library.

Details of when the house was built, who built or designed it, who first lived in it are being recorded, along with any other interesting historical notes that can be found. This phase takes time and needs many more volunteers to complete.

The project is being coordinated by Mimi Sheridan, historical preservation consultant. Ron Mason, QAHS board member, chairs the society's steering committee.

If you have a few hours you can give to this project, please contact Mimi Sheridan at 206-270-8727 or Ron Mason at 206-283-8630, email <ron@qahistory.org>. Your help is providing a valuable preservation resource for our community.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

HERITAGE NEWS

Old John Hay School Playground Renovation Begins

Early last year, a group of volunteers came together with the goal of improving the inner campus at the former John Hay school site on Boston Street and 4th Avenue North. The site is now used for the Seattle School District's Bilingual Orientation Center (BOC)—a transition school that prepares new immigrant and refugee students to enter the regular school system. The grounds consist of a bleak expanse of broken asphalt.

The volunteer group took the name "Friends of Old Hay" (FOH) and got right to work. In the last year and a half, working with the BOC school, they have held public meetings, raised funds, obtained approvals from the Seattle School District and the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board, developed a site plan and hired a contractor to begin work.

On April 19 a work party was held at the site with members of FOH, neighbors, school faculty/staff and almost 100 BOC students gathering to begin the task of clearing the grounds for a new community/school recreation area.

For the students this was a picture of American volunteerism at its best. The project has a budget of about \$60,000, plus an additional \$25,000 for a basketball court. About 60% of the total has been raised through grants and donations thus far. The FOH hopes to have much of the work completed this summer.

Included in the plan are a playfield area, a learning garden, seating areas, a giant chess board, plantings and safety improvements. According to Marjorie Lepley of FOH, "The result will be a welcome addition to the Queen Anne community—an attractive, safe 'oasis' where the international students and their neighbors can learn, relax and make connections with each other."

For more information, contact Paul Lepley of FOH at 206-284-3994 or at mlepley@seanet.com 2003 Heritage Expo at South



Students from the BOC and local neighbors begin the renovation of old John Hay play area at 4th N and Boston at an April 19th work party. Photo by Isabel Egglin

Lake Union, May 24-25

The third annual heritage expo will again be at the **Maritime Heritage Center in the old Naval Reserve building at South Lake Union. Hours are 11 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday, May 24-25.**

The Association of King County Heritage Organizations (AKCHO) is partnering with Northwest Folklife for this annual event as part of the Memorial Day weekend festival at Seattle Center.

The Queen Anne Historical

Society will be there, along with many other heritage groups. There will be exhibits, hands-on activities and much music. The Center for Wooden Boats will offer free steamboat rides.

Admission to the Expo is FREE. Bring your family and look around. If you can help out our Society by taking a shift at our QAHS table, please call John Hennes at 206-284-2266.

E-Mail Addresses Wanted

There was a recent program put on by the Ballard Historical Society about how to research your old house. We would have liked to notify our own members about this program but it did not fit our newsletter schedule.

If we had a reliable set of e-mail addresses we could have sent out a notice, at least to those who have e-mail. Some of you have given us addresses at various tours or events, but many of those are no longer valid. We all seem to change e-mail addresses frequently.

If you would like to receive e-mail notices of our own programs or programs we think are of direct interest to our members, please send your current address to **QAHS** [<info@qahistory.org>](mailto:info@qahistory.org). *This list will be used only for notices and will not be given to anyone else.*

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

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☐ Family \$20 ☐ Benefactor \$200 &

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☐ I would like to become active in the Society.

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Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that shipping costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover: \$25

(\$20 for members)

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(\$40 for members)

Please send me the following:

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***Coming up. 150 years of change for
King County and our
Washington Territory at the***



The Society wants to thank all those community volunteers who are contributing so much to Queen Anne by their participation in the Historic Resource Survey now in work.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES BY KIM TURNER

As the QAHS continues the Historic Resource Survey, some thoughts ought to be shared. Change is the only constant by which we can assess just how important our work is.

Many of you know that the first survey was done last year for the University District. While traveling through that neighborhood on the way to the SPL Friends' Book Sale, I noticed on one residential street that three adjacent older homes had been leveled to the ground. I did not see any signs of what is to replace them, but the loss of them makes our work of that much greater worth.

We are chronicling the existence of buildings, structures and their immediate grounds as they exist today. If in our survey we find they have too many changes from the originally designed structure, they are still of historic value because THEY MAY NOT BE HERE TOMORROW!

Of equal importance to us is how we have

photographed and noted the styles and materials used in the designs of each building. I never expected to have been exposed to so many architectural terms, nor did I realize that so many would still stay with me.

Now as I ride along the Seattle streets on my way to work or home, I can recognize gabled, gambrelled, and hipped roofs, along with flat and shed. This gives me a better feel for my future—I can still learn and retain what I have learned. As a history lover, this is vital.

Hope you are all recovering from the pollen counts.

*Kim
Turner,*



The Polson House, , 103 Highland Drive.

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Join the Board of Trustees! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details
about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**